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Claim 1 was amended by inclusion of features of claim 2.

Claim 3 was amended by inclusion of features of claim 4.

New claim 25 recites the features of claim 5 but depends on claim 1.

New claims 26 to 31 each recite one of the phenol compounds (C) set forth in amended claim 1.

New claims 32 to 37 each recite one of the phenol compounds (C) set forth in amended claim 3.

Withdrawn claims 6 to 24 were cancelled. Applicants reserve their right to file a Divisional application directed to claims 6 to 24.

Applicants are pleased to note that claims 2 to 4 were allowed.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over USP 4,656,077 to LARIMORE et al. in view of JP 4-254803 ("Kayaku") for the reasons set forth in item no. 4 on pages 2 to 4 of the Office Action.

It was admitted in the Office Action that LARIMORE et al. do not explicitly teach an example of the adhesive methacrylic copolymer composition/cellulose acetate composition having said

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composition further containing a phenol compound.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over JP 4-254803 ("Kayaku") in view of LARIMORE et al. for the reasons stated in item no. 5 on pages 4 to 5 of the Office Action.

It was admitted in the Office Action that Kayaku does not disclose the acrylic-type composition further containing a cross-linking agent.

It is respectfully submitted that the phenol compounds recited in the present claims are not taught or suggested in either of the cited references.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that applicants' claims are not rendered obvious over the references, either singly or combined in the manner relied upon in the Office Action. It is furthermore submitted that there are no teachings in the references to combine them in the manner relied upon in the Office Action.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below for prompt

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